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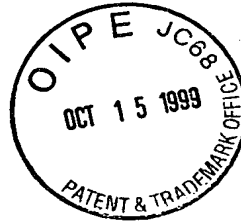
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hair et al

Application No.: 09/261,221

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Title: OPTICAL VEND-SENSING
SYSTEM FOR CONTROL OF VENDING
MACHINE



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Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached Search Report, dated September 20, 1999, issued in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago.

The listed documents were cited in the attached PCT Search Report issued in a counterpart foreign application.

See the degree of relevancy and the particular passages cited for each document in that Search Report.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early Action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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